

Anaconda Historic District  
Davidson Block  
200 East Park Avenue  
Anaconda  
Deer Lodge County  
Montana

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ANACONDA HISTORIC DISTRICT  
DAVIDSON BLOCK  
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Date: 1896

Location: 200 East Park Avenue

Architect/Builder: T.C. Davidson and J.H. Bartlett

Owner: Community Development Agency

Significance: Erected in 1896, the Davidson is one of the few remaining buildings in Anaconda which illustrate the city's rich commercial and architectural growth before 1900. The original structure measured 50 ft. on East Park Avenue and 100 ft. to the rear on Cherry Street. The cost of construction was \$15,000. The building had two storefronts at the ground level with apartment space above. A 40 ft. extension was later added to the rear. An ornamental tower above the N.W. corner turret was removed sometime in the mid-twentieth century. T.C. Davidson, a native of Missouri moved to Deer Lodge county in 1882 to establish a cattle ranch. His property was subsequently purchased by the Anaconda Copper Company in 1883, and incorporated into the city's first land holdings. After purchasing a second ranch east of Anaconda, Davidson returned to reside in the newly founded city. He became a successful business man and acquired extensive holdings of business and residential property, most notably the Davidson Block. T.C. Davidson also remained active in community affairs throughout his career and served as county commissioner in 1901. In the twentieth century, the Davidson Block was the location of Coldwater's Shoe Store and the Staggs Apartments. Parson's Funeral Home is currently occupying the rear of this structure. The Community Development Agency now owns the Davidson Block. Building demolition is scheduled for the purposes of future mall development.

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